

## CARING FOR HOMELESS DOGS

BIDE A WEE HAS HOUSED 6,000 ANIMALS IN A YEAR.

Stream of Visitors Either to Adopt or Get Rid of an Animal—Japanese Veterinary and a Trained Nurse in Charge—The Need of an Isolation Home.

These are busy days at the Bide a Wee home at 36 Lexington avenue. Last year the Bide a Wee had 6,000 homeless cats and dogs on its rescue lists, and judging from the hour spent there by THE SUN reporter there seems to be no reason why the census of 1909 should fall below this generous figure. All the compartments of the general receiving room are full to overflowing and the hospital beds, spare or guest chambers are also pre-occupied. Every day or so a crated cat is sent to the suburban home at Harrington Park. The dogs and cats that are sent away to the country are usually those that require the tenderest care, country air, and freedom from the traffic noises so painful to the neurotic.

While considerable fuss was made by neighbors when the home was first removed from Thirty-eighth street to its present quarters, on account of the barking of the inmates and their growling comments concerning board and food which, the lodging house keepers in the vicinity averred, set a very bad example to their own tenants, at the present time comment has died down and the neighbors are apparently quite proud and considerably sympathetic in regard to the establishment. What the Bide a Wee is to Twenty-third street and the Moving Picture Emporium to Fourteenth, the Bide a Wee is to Lexington avenue, an ever open place of interest and amusement, which has the advantage over the other places named of being as free as salvation and advice.

In the list of members, active, associate, life, as well as the annual subscription list, are seen the names of hundreds of men and women prominent



INVOKING THE NEWS.

in the business, social and professional world, who aid it, it is said by Mrs. Harry Kibbe, the president, is evidenced by visits to the establishment, substantial gifts and an observation, trained by reason of this interest, to take notice of every ash can and forsaken dog in the streets.

Last year an out of town friend gave the sum of \$5,000 outright to the home and it was by means of this gift that the country home was established on which a small mortgage is still due.

The permanent and paid staff at the Bide a Wee consists for the city home of a trained nurse, Mrs. Catlin, who has had a lifelong experience among animals; a Japanese veterinary who at one time was engaged in an official capacity in his country's navy to inspect the animals on shipboard and has written a book on "Canine Diseases," two kennelmen and general attendants. The Japanese vet, who speaks a patois quite intelligible to his four-legged charges, if slightly lacking in coherence to less finely trained hearing, writes for your benefit a description of the dread disease which afflicts more than half of the ailing dogs and cats brought to the establishment but which is not, as he explains with many Oriental gestures, the trouble with every sick dog, as people seem to think.

According to the written report the distemper is "a name of several infectious diseases of animals, especially contagious catarrhal disease of pups caused by a specific bacillus." It is the presence of this bacillus that differentiates the distemper from troubles with like symptoms. It can, says this authority, only be absolutely determined by microscopic examination.

All of which goes to prove the contention of the trained nurse that the crying need of the Bide a Wee home is an establishment big enough to isolate all dogs suffering with this contagious ill.

Just at the time of your entrance a beautiful dog that was brought into the home by a boy who had found it in the street and rescued it from a gang of hoodlums, after having made an heroic fight for life had finally succumbed. The nurse can scarcely restrain her tears and the male attendant is quietly sympathetic. Over the whole place a momentary cloud of gloom hangs until it is relieved by the breezy entrance of a rugged specimen, who explains without much hesitation that his life is "more or less lonely." He "ain't never had time to get a wife, and a canal boat without a wife or dog is a mighty lonesome proposition. He'd like a real dog to take out with him on his y'ages."

He looks about the barred compartments and finally selects what one of the boy visitors has classified as a "pickle pup," one of the kind whose immediate ancestry is of 57 varieties.

"It ain't a terrier? No? I don't know much about them dogs, but they say there are lots of different sorts of terriers 'bout."

The kennelman has an inspiration. "That's what they call in dogs shows a Scotch bull," he says tersely. His duties do not demand an unflinching veracity.

"Yes, a Scotch bull," he asserts. "You don't find many such valuable dogs round 'round and glad to get into a home."

The longshoreman is impressed and strokes his companion to be through the bars.

"I know it was some kind of a dog," he

confides to the kennelman. "I can tell a thoroughbred as soon as I see him. Well, he won't be treated like a common pup. He'll have a home, if it is on a canal-boat."

He cheerfully hands out the 55 cents demanded by the officials of the home before a dog or cat can be released, which pays for the collar, chain and tag given with the animal, signs the paper giving his name and address, and goes out whistling.

He is followed by a negro man with white hair, a stooped shoulders and all the marks in the shabbiness of his attire and the melancholy of his bearing of one to whom Fate has dealt a series of knockdown blows and who has at length neither the strength nor will to recuperate.

At his heels is Pig, as she is introduced. Pig is a mangy dog who has little resemblance to the snow white fox terrier, full of life and tricks, as she is described to have been a few years before, when



PILL HOUR IN THE HOSPITAL WARD.

wife, child, work and happiness were the lot of her owner. Pig is blind in one eye and her left hind leg trails after her as she walks.

He hands Pig with tears in his eyes to the attendant and the little group of people standing about hear him say: "My wife died and then the child went. I've been out of work now for a long time; no one wants an old nigger round, and so I've give up. Pig'll have a home here, if you'll take her," and he looks dourly out of the door. "I guess, massa, the river's good enough for me."

The attendant pats him on the shoulder while he talks and finds a bit of bread in his pocket which he feeds to "Pig," who eats it voraciously. One of the patrons of the Home assures the "old nigger" that if he will take a certain letter he will give him a special friend of his in the Charity Organization Building near by he guesses he won't have to sleep on the river bed that day, and "Pig" and master are comparatively comforted.

He hasn't been gone long before a small boy arrives with a spaniel in his coat. "Only had to pay 45 cents for this one," he announces, "but they were almost at the door."

All this is Greek to the visitors until



"NOBODY WANTS AN OLD NEGRO."

it is explained by the trained nurse that one of the worst evils of the patron of the Home has to contend with is the ambition of the gamins, who see in every homeless pup the 35 cent profit he can gain by selling it for vivisection or other experimental purposes.

"You would be surprised at the number of valuable dogs and cats we lose in this way. Naturally it is a great inducement to the small boy to earn money easily, and his sensibilities, not any too highly strung at the best, have little chance against the seduction of this offer. We have many people, friends of the Home, who rescue the animals at the very entrances of the hospitals, as this boy did to-day, and bartering with the would-be seller obtain it for a little premium on the regulation sum and bring it to us. In the case of poor people who do this, and always to the boys, we refund the money and car fare in addition, if that has been paid."

"As to the good or ill worked by vivisection, naturally we cannot enter into such a subject offhand, but to the most casual glance it is certainly evident that supervision should be exerted in the matter and that a traffic of this kind, which threatens the lives of cherished pets who may have wandered from home and the equally important lives of less fortunate animals should certainly be regulated in some way that spells protection."

One of the male officials of the Home tells some interesting facts concerning dog psychology as he has observed it in his attendance there during the five years of the Bide a Wee's existence.

"In the first place I remember a speech made by Miss Marks, the trainer of horses at a big stock farm in Sound Beach, who died a year or so ago. She had probably by the aid of moral suasion conquered more stubborn quadrupeds and without whip or beating of any kind subdued mo- cranky animals than any follower of her profession in the country. She remarked once that there was no such thing as an ugly animal and that the irritation, fear and nervousness which caused them to be classified as vicious was really due to bad training and perhaps an inheritance of successive traits caused in the same way."

"I notice the most marked change in the dogs that come here and find that after a few weeks of kindness and care from one and another they develop wonderful



THE SCOTCH BULLDOG.

assured that the family chosen for it shall be the most desirable possible. The psychology trained official goes on to say that the assertion that a dog's disfavor always argues something fundamentally wrong in the character of the person is not proved by his experience at the Bide a Wee.

"I've always been a special favorite with the dogs here because I suppose they know by instinct that I am their friend and am studying them for the ultimate good of the race, but a short time since a dog was brought here who liked everybody else was the soul of amiability and good temper, except to me, and the moment I approached his cage he would bark his head off in disgust and horror. I couldn't conquer his antipathy to me and I could only explain it by the fact that some one who may have had a resemblance to me had been unkind to him. Another dog we had hated everybody in the place and never had a growl of content for any one until by chance an old lady was brought here by a patron, and the dog displayed such friendliness that she took a great fancy to him and finally came again, saying that she had been unable to resist the appeal the animal made and she was going to give him a home."

The average of dogs and cats run over by automobiles is at this time of year one a day, and the operating table of the hospital where the animals are put out of their suffering when their recovery is hopeless, or where limbs are set, is rarely without an occupant.

The fact that other cities, notably Chicago and Baltimore, have recently started homes for friendless animals along the lines of the Bide a Wee is a matter of congratulation to the founders and promoters of this enterprise, and another symptom of progress, it is related, is the educational development of the street gamins, who are learning that it is something to be ashamed of to ill treat a homeless animal.

## BRITISH CUTENESS.

Tricks Played on a Yankee Tenderfoot in London.

"If there is any Yankee who thinks he can sell wooden nutmegs to a Britisher nowadays he'd better guess again," said an American who returned recently after working in Europe for many years for a New York concern. "Englishmen have profited by lessons taught them until nowadays they do the other fellow."

"When I was dumped in London for the first time I went to live in apartments. There was a valet attached to the apartments, a sleek, well fed individual, whom I got to know familiarly as Henry. I had never enjoyed the luxury of having a gentleman's valet before, and when I found that Henry would look after my clothes for half a crown (25 cents) a week, I rejoiced, especially as they needed pressing."

"But no, Henry didn't press clothes. Still there was a tailor near by who did, and he would be glad to take them there for me."

"I sent out my overcoat and my best suit. Pressing these would have cost me in New York about a dollar, or a dollar and a half at the outside. When the clothes came back a bill came with them almost a foot long. Each garment was charged for separately, and among the items was 'sewing buttonhole, 2d.; sewing on button, 6d.' and so on. The total was 19s. 6d. (\$4.87)."

"Well," I gasped, "take this back to the tailor and tell him it is outrageous." I told Henry. He returned and said the tailor said it was correct. As a result of what I told him Henry went once more to the tailor's and came back with the bill diminished to \$3.62. I was still far from satisfied but sent it investigating. After I had done a bit of investigating, I found where I could have similar work done for 75 cents or a dollar. The other tailor had looked at the labels in my clothes, and soaked me just because I was a bloomin' Yank."

"One day I entered the gloomy offices of the apartments and found Henry much interested in a pile of furs."

"Don't you want to pick up a fine piece of sable cheap?" he asked me. "This man," indicating a low browed individual and speaking in a whisper, "smuggled over a beautiful sable skin from Russia, and he has a fine piece of beaver too. A naval attaché was looking at them just now and was on the point of buying them, but he was called away. The man is asking \$18, but I think he will take \$14 (\$70)."

"Now I really did not want a sable skin, but I thought it would be a good investment. To my uneducated eyes the skins looked all right in the gloom of a London back room on a February day."

"If I heard the chink of money with you," said Henry, "I can tell you have what you need," and that decided me.

"So I passed over to the skin merchant fourteen golden sovereigns, and finding the address of a real fur dealer, I ordered the goods sent up to him for storage. I fancied that when Henry closed the hall door and stood outside with the skin merchant I heard the chink of coin, but paid no attention to it until a few days later when I went up to the fur dealer's to congratulate myself on my purchase of 'Sable.' Why, that is not sable," said the dealer. "It is a common variety of musquash—what you call muskrat in America. What is it worth? About \$15 in your money."

"I had thought I was getting five or six hundred dollars worth of valuable fur. Well, it was hard to pay Henry what I owed him. He protested his innocence, but I could not help having suspicions. 'I could tell you other subsequent experiences that befell me in London, but I finally cut my wisdom teeth and keep my eyes open. But don't let any American imagine he can go over there and teach those Englishmen any new skinning devices. They've got most everything in that line patented.'

## WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

The Honorable Georgia O'Brien, daughter of the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, has joined the Irish branch of the Women's Freedom League. Her father moved the vote of thanks to the speaker at a Llandrindod Wells.

Miss Hitchens has been selected as instructor for the course of twenty two hour lessons in costume designing which is to be given in Teachers College. The course includes a study of the underlying principles of line and color as applied to costume and embroidery and art in relation to modern dress. Miss Hitchens was for four years the head designer for a tailor.

Mme. Jeanne Schmahl is the president of the French Union for Woman Suffrage, which has just been organized with headquarters in Paris. She declares that the campaign to obtain votes for women is to be a peaceful one. They have begun by asking for the municipal vote, with eligibility of women to municipal councils.

Mrs. Angeline E. Newman, widow of Bishop John P. Newman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, became deeply interested in missionary work after her husband's death, ten years ago, and went to Jerusalem, where she organized a kindergarten. Although past 80, Mrs. Newman was actively engaged in the work until her death, a short while ago.

Dr. Sarah R. A. Dolley of Rochester, N. Y., pioneer woman physician of this country, is honorary chairman of the public health education committee, which was formed at the last annual meeting of the American Medical Association. Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton is the chairman. The object of the committee is to fight disease chiefly among the people of the congested districts. Recently Dr. Morton talked to 200 Jewish mothers on how to care for the health and morals of their sons. She will soon give a talk to young girls at the Nurses' Settlement on the "Responsibilities of Girlhood to Motherhood." According to Dr. Morton, the committee aims to be national and to teach resistance to disease rather than the cure.

Mrs. Lily Wilkinson Thompson has won the first prize with her homemade bread at the State fair recently held at

Jackson, Miss. Two years ago she took prize for her cornmeal muffins. Mrs. Thompson is the chairman on press work for the Mississippi Woman Suffrage Association, and is credited with being a competent newspaper woman as she is a housekeeper. She has more than a dozen women under her direction in her press bureau.

The secretary of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage said to have written a letter of thanks to Dr. Herbert E. Willett, dean of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, which greatly astonished him. Dr. Willett had spoken on the subject of giving women the ballot before a suffrage society in Chicago. The secretary of the anti-suffrage society not only thanked him "for his wise and forceful opinions" but also invited him to speak before her New York Association. Dr. Willett sent the letter to Mrs. Ella Stewart, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, with the comment: "You will be interested to see how my address was interpreted by our friends of the opposite persuasion Down East. This is one of the most humorous as well as exasperating features of our present day journalism."

Miss Maude E. Miner, superintendent of the Waverly House, recently talked before the City Playground League of New York on the playground as a means of detecting and preventing crime among the young. The league maintains eleven playgrounds in the city and will ask the Board of Estimate for an appropriation large enough to double the number of playground teachers and to pay a general supervisor. It was reported that in Seward Park there was an average of 800 children daily, with only four playground teachers, whose duty it is to look after them all.

The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States are reported to have collected and disbursed \$1,200,000 for home and foreign missions during the last year. Besides this they raised more than \$2,000,000 to be expended by men's boards.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Clarence Mackay and Mrs. William M. Ivins are the leaders in the movement to organize a permanent woman suffrage party in New York. A leader is to be elected for each Assembly district and these leaders are to appoint a captain in each election district. On January 15

the Assembly district leaders of each borough will meet and elect a borough chairman. On January 22 the borough chairmen are to elect a city chairman. The object of the party is to secure a woman suffrage amendment to the State Constitution. To this end it will canvass the city, enroll all suffragists, put them at work if possible and try to ascertain the views of all legislators on the subject besides holding mass meetings in each borough. Men will be admitted as members and will be eligible for all offices.

Mrs. Charles H. Israel is chairman of the committee on amusements and vacation resources of working girls of the Woman's Municipal League. At its latest meeting it was decided to begin an agitation for municipal dance platforms in the public parks of New York. Mrs. Israel believes that they will do more than legislation to solve the dance hall problem. It is intended to erect these platforms in glass so that they may be used in winter as well as in summer. The committee is preparing to open a number of model dance halls, and early next month a public conference will be called to consider legislation which has been drafted in consultation with dancing masters. A list of saloon dance halls, of which there are now 300 in Manhattan and the Bronx, has been secured. The committee's next step will be to study the public schools and recreation centers and determine to what extent it would be advisable to introduce dancing.

Christmas Money for Farmer Boys.

From the Columbus Dispatch. "One thinks of the wild North and Northwest when the fur trade is mentioned," said State Fish and Game Warden John H. Sparks, "but the fact is that the fur produced in the State of Ohio annually represents an aggregate value that is considerable. There will be buyers through the year in a short time, and there is always a market for skins. Nearly every farmer's boy should have some Christmas money this way, and already has his traps set. I should guess that the value of Ohio's annual fur product is as much as \$3,000,000."

In the Footsteps of the Fathers.

From the London Globe. "One has to be careful when attending a prison service or even when attending before convicts, as the titles of the numbers of a recent jail recital suggest, as when too may need careful selection, as when the story of the Rev. Father, O. S. A. He once attended a prison service at which one of the hymns was 'We Are Marching on the Good Old Way.' Archdeacon Snelgrove capped this with a story of a Bishop who attended a prison service with the observation that he was delighted to see so many present."

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